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READ & RECYCLE!

FREE



▲ Gig in the Garden: raising money through music see page 13 ▲



▲ **BE AWARE:** the thornapple (*Datura stramonium*) is a native of S & C America and is extremely poisonous. It is not common in the UK but a plant has been found recently in Mill Road.



▲ New plans for the village see page 5



▲ Rainbows appear in Marcham see page 13 ▲

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5 Sat	Wantage and Grove Lions Jumble Sale, British Legion Hall, East Hanney, 13.30	9	10 Thur	Mobile Library, Sweetbriar 14.35 – 15.00	
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7 Mon	Anson Trust AGM, Sports and Social Club, 20.00	7	22 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place, 14.00 – 15.30	7
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			30 Wed	MCG Open Meeting and AGM, Marcham School, 19.30	9
			October		
			3-4	Marcham Society 20th Anniversary Exhibition, Marcham School	7
			31 Sat	Abingdon & District Model Railway Club: Didcot Rail 2015, Civic Hall, 10.00 – 17.00	15

Details of events may change after publication, please check with the relevant organisers before attending events.

Dear Readers

What a lovely break from routine over the summer, but now it's back to the monthly MADNews deadlines!

It is great to receive letters to the editor, but we can't print those that are sent anonymously – we are happy not to print your details but they must be supplied. However, we will pass on letters to the appropriate person or organisation to make sure the points raised in the letter are brought to their attention.

So, get to the keyboard or notepaper and get writing!

Until next time



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MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS Superfast Broadband

The business development director from BT spoke 2 years ago at the July 2013 meeting of the Parish Council. He stated the aim was to have access to superfast broadband to 90% of all premises in Oxfordshire by the end of 2015. It now seems that it is Marcham's turn to have the work carried out, just in time for the December 2015 target date. Work has been done to junction boxes in the village green, and at the cabinet at the junction of Church Street/A415. The Church Street cabinet is enabled, so some residents at the southern end of the village should have access to fibre. Please contact your chosen ISP or use comparison sites to find available packages. There is a list of ISPs on the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire website www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk/broadband-providers. At the time of writing a road closure order for North Street is in place for 23rd August, to allow BT to progress cable laying and works needed to the cabinet at the junction of Howard Cornish Road and North Street. Hopefully within a few weeks most of the houses within the built up area of the village should have access to superfast broadband.

Best Kept Garden Competition

The final round judging has now taken place, and the winners notified. Prizes will be presented at the beginning of the next meeting of the Parish Council on 9th September.

The winning gardens are:

22 The Farthings

16 Sweetbriar

7 Parkside

36 Fettiplace Road

14 Morland Road

17 Orchard Way

3 Mill Road

The garden at **22 The Farthings** was selected as the overall winner.

Oxfordshire County Council – Subsidised Buses and Dial a Ride consultation

The County Council needs to save money on supported transport services. A consultation which ends on 14th September is taking place. Please check www.consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/stconsultation/consultationHome to comment.

Oxfordshire County Council – Minerals and Waste Core Strategy

The Minerals and Waste Local Plan part I Core Strategy has recently been published and the County Council is inviting comments on the Plan before it is submitted for examination to the Secretary of State. The documents are available for viewing at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/minerals-and-waste-core-strategy>
Sunday Trading Hours – possible changes
The Government has put forward proposals to devolve Sunday trading laws locally, to give greater flexibility so that large shops can stay open longer. The Vale of White

Horse District Council, before responding, wishes to seek the views of residents in the Vale. Anyone wishing to have their say on the proposals should visit <http://tinyurl.com/Sunday-trading-hours> before 10th September.

Biffa Compost Giveaway

Biffa is giving away compost on Saturday 3rd October between 9.00a.m. – 11.00a.m. at Rye Farm Car Park, Culham Road, Abingdon. Please take container/bag and shovel. Also available are replacement kitchen caddies, buckets, and compost bins at reduced prices.

Planning Applications considered by the Council

P15/V1715/FUL Beechfield House, Frilford - Demolition of existing house and erection of new dwelling. The Council had no objection.

P15/V0411/HH 32 Fettiplace Road, extensions to front and rear. The Council had no objection

P15/V1803/LB 15 Church Street – Installation of secondary staircase, new glazing to windows, new rooflight and flooring. The Council had no objections

P15/V1743/LB 21 North Street - Installation of conservation rooflight. The Council had no objection

P/15 V/1266/LB 44 North Street - Erection of new handrail on wall to facilitate additional support when ascending or descending steps. The Council supported the application.

P15/V1444/FUL 7 Packhorse Lane - Erection of new dwelling. Council objected as it was an overdevelopment of the site, tandem parking in access road was unreasonable, increase in traffic in Packhorse Lane an air quality management area, and proximity to elderly persons accommodation at Sweetbriar.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 9th September 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge, at Duffield Place.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Rd, 01865 391833

clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Any member of the public is most welcome to attend any of our meetings. There is a section near the start of each meeting for public participation, where any member of the public is able to speak about any topic which is relevant to the work of the Parish Council (for a maximum of three minutes). Members of the public are also welcome to observe some or all of the rest of the meeting.

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TREE FELLING

Tree felling work along A415 Abingdon Road will start from 1st September for about 1 week on the Pye development at Willows Farm.

Working hours will be 7.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 7.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. on Saturdays. Traffic management will be in place involving traffic lights and signage.

OBSTRUCTIONS ON THE PAVEMENT AND IN THE ROAD

There seem to be more and more obstructions in the shape of branches and cars around the village pavements and streets. Please remember that these can be a real hazard to everyone, especially those with partial or no sight, people with buggies and wheelchairs, or those just having a stroll around the village.

If you have trees and shrubs on the street boundary to your property, try walking along with your eyes closed and see if you dodge the vegetation - if not, it is time to get the loppers out. But don't go and prune other people's gardens, report it to the Clerk of the Parish Council and they will contact the property owner!

Parking: If you or your visitors park a vehicle so as to cause an obstruction it is an offence and a £30 fixed penalty notice may be issued. The following is an extract from the regulations concerning parking at www.gov.uk/waiting-and-parking/

242: You MUST NOT leave your vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road.

Laws RTA 1988, sect 22 & CUR reg 103

243: DO NOT stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
- on the approach to a level crossing/ tramway crossing
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend
- where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities
- except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.

244: You MUST NOT park partially or wholly on the pavement in London, and should not do so elsewhere unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.

Law GL(GP)A sect 15

Community Facilities Steering Group

Plans are progressing for new community facilities for Marcham. An exhibition of draft proposals was provided at the church on 25th July by Chris Brotherton (Thomas Homes). Over a hundred people took part, positive feedback was given by most of those who came along with many very useful comments and suggestions for improvement. The CFSG has already held two meetings since then to work through these, other suggestions for the plans, and management arrangements. Work will continue over the next several weeks to develop these up into a planning application. CFSG is committed to keep you posted on progress as plans develop further.

The Community Facilities Steering Group (CFSG) was set up with the clear objective of developing plans for new community facilities in our village and is made up of representatives from Marcham Parish Council, Marcham Community Group, Marcham Parochial Church Council, Marcham Baptist Church, Marcham Scouts, Sports and Social Club and the Anson Trust. If you wish to have more information on the CFSG, or you think you can help please contact Jim Asher (391727).

CFSG - Opportunities without Obstacles

EX-SERVICEMENT'S CLUB: NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Due to the proposed redevelopment of the Institute site, the club has been given notice by the Anson Trust to vacate the premise by the 25th March 2016. It is the current Committees decision not to close the club, but to keep the club going in case new premises become available in the future redevelopment plans in the village.

The club will arrange activities and entertainment during the transition period. We will continue to hold entertainment and will advertise this and plans for Christmas and New Years Eve on the club and village Facebook pages, MADNews and posters in the Post Office.

The committee will keep everyone updated of any developments.

THE COMMITTEE

HUNT FOR SEWAGE STATION OWNERS

Thames Water is appealing to customers to help identify privately owned sewage pumping stations. TW, which serves 15 million customers across London and the Thames Valley, will take responsibility for around 4,000 pumping in October 2016, but needs to track down another 'missing' 1,800.

New legislation means sewage pumping stations, which power waste water away from properties and out into the public sewer pipe network, currently owned and maintained by customers will become legally owned and operated by the local water company.

The pumping stations are found in all shapes and sizes, and can be in places where there are a number of properties needing to connect to the public sewer network. Customers will know they have one as they'll be paying to maintain and power them.

A sewer pumping station is likely to be 'adopted' by Thames Water if it:

- was in use before July 2011 (and)
- serves a single property, and is outside the property boundary (or) serves two or more properties

Anyone with a private pumping station can make Thames Water aware at thameswater.co.uk/pumphunt

Marcham Village Shop and Post Office

Mon - Fri: 07.30 - 18.00
Sat: 07.30 - 13.00
Sun: 08.00 - 13.00



CASH POINT UPDATE:

We can now accept all Santander accounts at the Post Office, so you can come and withdraw cash!



VILLAGE CAFE EVERY WEDNESDAY MSSSC



Do you like a roast dinner followed by apple pie, trifle, syrup sponge pudding or home-made rice pudding with proper skin? If so **Marcham Village Café** is the place for you. Come and join us at the Scouts, Sports and Social Club building on the Anson Field at about 12 o'clock on Wednesdays? Bring a friend if you don't want to come alone.

If you need a lift please ring Sheila Dunford on 391439 or Jenny Allan on 391373.

It's not just for children or retired people, if you're in the village on a Wednesday midday,

come over and have lunch

We don't make a charge for the meal but rely on contributions.

Marcham WI

Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, 17 September

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Denman College



We are looking forward to seeing you all after the summer break at the September meeting. This month we will be welcoming **Irene Tyack** as our speaker. Irene is an artist from the Cotswolds and she will be telling us about "**The Yellow Hat Tribe**" and bringing along some of her items which will be on sale after the talk.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

For further information, please contact:

Pippa Hoath 01865 391349 pippahoath@gmail.com

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The OCA 2015 Season is drawing to a close.

Each XI has 3 Fixtures remaining.

At present the 1st XI is 4th in its Division*

* (the Teams at 1st and 3rd have played more games).

The 2nd XI is 4th in its Division.. The fixtures for September are:

Sept	1st XI	2nd XI
5th	Swinbrook (Away)	Eynsham II (Home)
12th	Kilkenny (Home)	No fixture

Please contact Trevor Hill (391 321) for any information relating to the Club - including details of playing or umpiring for Marcham. And finally.....it is reported that comedian Eric Morecambe once observed to Dennis Lillee "Are you aware, sir, that the last time I saw anything like that on a top lip, the whole herd had to be destroyed?"



CSB

NOTICE OF ANSON TRUST AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Anson Trust will be held at 8.00pm on 7th September in the Marcham Sports & Social Club. Members of the public are welcome to join us and the principal item on the agenda will be the presentation of the Trust's 2014 year end accounts.

For those unable to attend a brief summary of the accounts will be published in next month's edition of MADNews and the full accounts will be available online shortly thereafter.

ANSON TRUST DIRECTORS



MARCHAM SOCIETY SPECIAL WALK AND VISIT TO CELEBRATE OUR 200th MID-WEEK WALK: THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17th

As a one-off special we plan a morning and afternoon 2-part event. We will meet in the car-park in Wall Lane near the Roman Town at Silchester (Map Ref SU636629) at 10am. This is between Reading and Basingstoke. We will be walking round the Roman walls and visit the Amphitheatre, then explore the pleasant countryside further south for a walk of just over 3½ miles, with the option of a short cut of just over 2 miles.

We will drive to the nearby Calleva Arms for lunch at about 12.30 and then on a short distance to 'The Vyne' to explore this National Trust country house and its grounds. The house is open until 4pm the grounds until 5pm.

Everyone welcome: members free, others £1. NT admission not included. We hope to have a mini-bus available - to leave Marcham at 9am: members £1, others £2.

To gauge numbers, and in case there are any last-minute changes, please let Eric Dunford (391439) or John Guast (391420) know if you would like to come.



MSSSC: Marcham Sports, Scouts & Social Club The pavilion & field off Morland Road

Quiz Night

ALL WELCOME

FRIDAY 25 September

This month's quiz will be held on Friday 25 September in the Sports and Social Club on the Anson Field, starting at 8.15pm.

Questions are on a range of subjects and aimed at everyone's ability! The quiz nights run on the last Friday of each month.

Teams of up to four people are invited, but if you are alone or a couple, come along, and we could fit you into an existing or even new team!

Everyone welcome, members and non members. Just turn up on the night for a friendly evening of fun and banter.

Further details from Trevor Hill - 01865 391321

Everyone welcome - members AND non-members

We look forward to seeing you at the club

SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU!

2.00-3.30 pm on alternate Tuesdays

8th and 22th September

We meet in the common room at Duffield Place. Come and join us, you will be sure of a warm welcome ... and tea and cake!

Phone 391270 for more details *Christine Whild*



The
**Marcham
Society**

*All Saints' Church Marcham
7.45pm Tuesday 8th September*

Evening Meeting and AGM

Jim Asher

Saving Butterflies

Non-members always welcome £2

www.marchamsociety.org.uk

Further details: Sheila Dunford (391439) or Judith Fontaine (391275)

Dates for your diary: This year Marcham Society reaches its 20th anniversary. To celebrate this we will be holding an exhibition in the school on Sat 3rd and Sun 4th October. This will highlight the achievements of the Society together with photographs and items from our archives. These will be combined with artefacts and displays from the recent exhibition in Abingdon Museum about the archaeological dig at Trendles field.

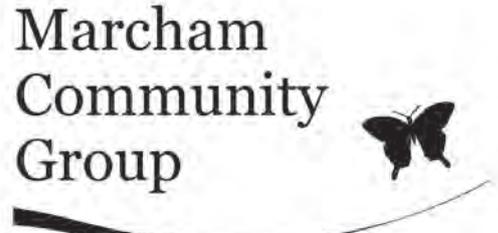
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£19,048

Local Events
£11,830

Donations
£8,260

2014 - 2015 Membership
Voting: 72 Junior: 18

5p Coins
6275



Progress with a new concept ... and a public meeting

Marcham Community Group continues to play its part within the Community Facilities Steering Group (see page 5 of this month's MADNews), to find a way to develop new community facilities, and CFSG is making good progress with new proposals.

Open Meeting and AGM – Marcham School

Wednesday 30th September at 7:30 pm

An open meeting — open to all residents of Marcham — to discuss community facilities and proposals will be held at Marcham School, on Thursday 30th September 2015, starting at 7:30 pm. This will include a presentation on the latest stage of the proposals to build new community facilities, which continue to evolve through the CFSG, and proposed management arrangements for the new facilities. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to ask questions about the proposals before a formal planning application is submitted.

The meeting will also include a brief formal AGM for Marcham Community Group, including accounts and election of director/trustees—members will receive separate notice of this. We will also discuss the future role of MCG and fund-raising ideas for 2016.

We are keen to encourage as many people as possible to come and hear about progress with these developments and to contribute to the further stages of layout design.

We are inviting you to renew your membership again to support our efforts and we are also looking for help with fund-raising. We continue to be grateful for the support of all our members and of the wider village — it is much appreciated — many thanks!

Progress...and invitation to a public meeting

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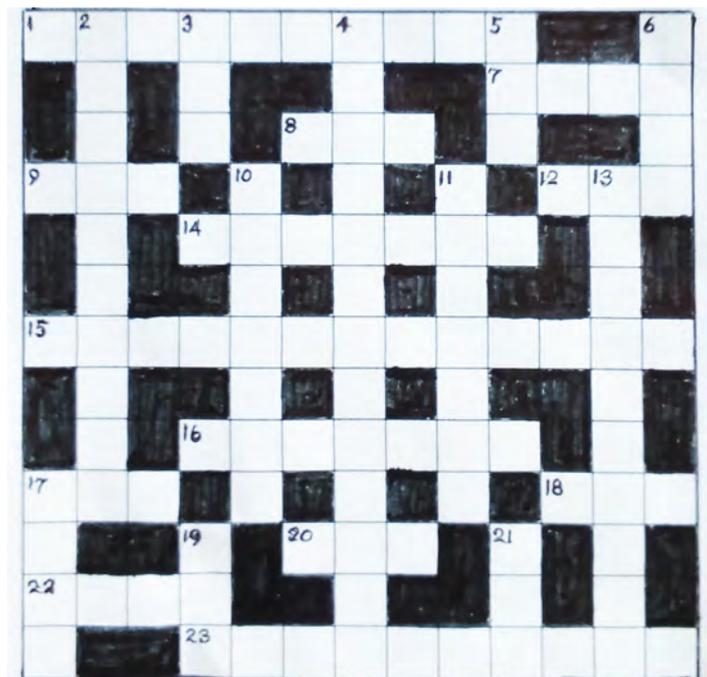
CROSSWORD BY ALISA

Across

1. Learner (10)
7. Part of the Church (4)
8. Female bird (3)
9. Tailless monkey (3)
12. River and street (3)
14. Producing good crops (7)
15. Thursday activity (8.5)
16. Confidential (7)
17. Cereal (3)
18. Consumed (3)
20. Insect (3)
22. Puzzle at Millets (4)
23. Smokeless coal (10)

Down

2. Puzzlement (10)
3. Drink (3)
4. Date for Harvest Service (6.7)
5. Finish (3)
6. Part of a ship (4)
10. Liquid in thermometers (7)
11. Pacify (7)
13. Specialist at JR (10)
17. Slope (4)
19. Meadow (3)
21. Curve (3)



Wantage & Grove Lions club are holding a Jumble Sale at the Royal British Legion Hall East Hanney on Saturday 5th September doors open at 1-30pm. Refreshments will be available.

If there is anyone in the village who would like to know more about this event please contact Lions Nan & Ernest 01865 391257.

The Craft Fayre scheduled for 10th October 2015 at the Mill Hall in Grove has been cancelled.



ED VAIZEY WRITES...

Like myself many of you may have enjoyed a trip to the cinema on a rainy day during the school summer holidays, so I was very interested to be told by the British Film Institute that they have opened a new round of funding for the BFI Neighbourhood Cinema Equipment Fund. Any community cinemas that have been running for 6 months or more and have set up a profile on the BFI Neighbourhood Cinema website are eligible to apply for National Lottery funding to pay for projectors, screens, DVD players, also chairs and black out blinds. Communities that already have film clubs or village hall cinemas have until 28 September to apply. All you need to do is check your eligibility. If you need to start from scratch, then you will have to apply for the next round of funding in a few months. In the meantime you should watch the BFI Neighbourhood Cinema film and take a look at their organisations that support you so that you are ready for your application.



The British Film Institute set up this scheme to bring big screen experiences and a wider choice of specialised and independent British films to people in communities across the UK. To date they have awarded £362,000 to 96 community schemes across the UK and their aim is to allow everybody in the UK to see and enjoy a wide range of films in a shared cinema experience, no matter where they live and help bring local communities closer together.

On the other side of the screen the BBC have launched their Make it Digital Traineeship which will be available in around 60 towns and cities in England. The BBC Academy and partners the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) and Skills Funding Agency (SFA) are calling on 16-24 year olds who are unemployed, have fewer than two A Levels and an interest in developing their digital skills, to register their interest via their local Jobcentre Plus. The Jobcentre Plus network will then play a crucial role in identifying suitable candidates, who will be invited to take part by their Jobcentre Work Coaches. Training will be delivered by high-quality local training providers across the country followed by structured work placements with local employers. Full details can be found at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2015/make-it-digital-traineeships-open>.

This month's postbag has been dominated by letters and emails on the upcoming parliamentary bill on assisted suicide. I have no moral objection to a law that would assist someone to die – provided they were of course making a decision entirely of their own free will, and based on their circumstances. However, my very real concern has been and always will be what one might call "the thin end of the wedge". For every person that we might consider to have a clear and settled wish to end their lives, there are countless others who are vulnerable, despairing and often lacking in support who may feel under pressure to go through with this decision. Would we, in effect be encouraging those who might not otherwise have done so to decide to take their own life? This Bill legitimises the idea that suicide is a solution for disability and severe sickness. But, as years of debate on this issue in the House of Lords has shown, there is no safeguard that would be sufficient to stop a person who feels a burden on their caregivers from ending their life; nor can doctors accurately assess this, or worse, pressure or abuse which does regrettably exist in certain cases. This is why none of the Royal Medical Colleges support a change in the law. In fact, the British Medical Association, the Royal College of GPs and the Royal College of Physicians, actively oppose such a change for that very reason. As evidence from other countries has shown, a right to die would for many be a duty to die. This is a matter of conscience, and as such, will be decided by a free vote. For the reasons set out above, we must fiercely resist this bill.

As ever please feel free to contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or vaizeye@parliament.uk. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please do email me at vaizeye@parliament.uk or sign up at www.vaizey.com.

ED VAIZEY, MP Wantage and Didcot (Conservative)

COUNTY REPORT

Austerity: This is an appeal to all residents for understanding of the very difficult position in which County Officers (not to mention Councillors!) find themselves.

The age of austerity has not been even handed with local government. Cuts in government grants have hit all councils, but New Homes Bonus (the grant awarded to councils for every house they allow to be built) has been split 80% to Districts and only 20% to Counties. Unfortunately, the bulk of the expensive infrastructure that the new houses need (roads, schools and social services) fall on the County Council budget. This imbalance has led to increasingly wealthy District Councils and increasingly cash-strapped County Councils. Few of us involved in Local government thought that the only decisions we would be making were "What should we cut next to balance the books?". Local government officers have to face often angry and frustrated residents with the only answer they can give – "I'm sorry, we would love to do x and y, but we have no budget for it". Adjusting the New Homes Bonus split (to say 50:50) would allow the County to save many services – roads, buses, children's centres and so on – services which are at the moment under threat. It would not involve asking government for more money – the money is already there. At the Council meeting on Tuesday 14th July, I proposed a motion calling on Central Government to take another look at the way New Homes Bonus is apportioned between Councils. I am delighted to say that it was past unanimously gaining full support even from those councillors who were also District Councillors. No-one wants Districts to be under the same strain as Counties, but until the split is more fairly apportioned, we will be in danger of superb Leisure Centres with gold-plated taps (District responsibilities) which no-one can get to through the potholes and lack of bus services (County responsibilities). We all now need to persuade our MPs to take the message to Westminster before we lose any more vital services in the next budget round.

Directing the blame: In an effort to balance the books, the County has already had to take some tough decisions. One such is the decision to charge for dealing with DIY waste. The County does not have a statutory obligation to provide this service, but has done so for some time now. Recent conversations with staff at the Drayton Waste Collection depot, have exposed the fact that staff have to cope with irate residents who do not think they should be charged. (The fees are very modest and only kick in when more than 3 sacks are being delivered). These disputes happen almost daily. It is certainly not the fault of the staff and I would argue (although as an Opposition Councillor I don't have to!) that it is not the fault of the council. In May the country voted for austerity, and the need to charge for non-statutory services is what austerity brings with it.

In the coming weeks, the Council will be consulting on its plans to cut Children's Centres and Early Intervention Hubs. It is inevitable that there will be much anger at the potential loss of a major universal service particularly valued by many hard-pressed families. The Council is trying to cope with a budget cut in this area of 50% whilst trying to continue to provide a service to the most vulnerable families in the County. The County Officers do not want to have to do it. The County Councillors do not want to have to do it. It is being done as a result of national austerity policy. Right or wrong it is a national issue and there is little local government can do about it.

RICHARD WEBBER CLLR OCC

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DISTRICT REPORT

Before I start my report, I thought you might be interested to know that Richard and I have recently returned from a visit to the USA for the lovely occasion of the civil ceremony of our daughter and her American fiancé. Americans seem to go through two ceremonies, a civil and church one, so now we look forward to the latter in December. **Car Parking:** In the meantime, what has been happening in Marcham? Many of you have complained to me of the thoughtless parking in Mill Road by the builders of Priory Park development. After several meetings with the site manager and getting the much welcomed

help of Neil Rowe, on behalf of Anson Trust, an arrangement was offered to park the cars (often over thirty) in the Institute car park for a small donation – maybe between £50 and £100 a week - towards the village hall, as they had avoided contributing any money to the hall in their S106 agreement as there was no site for the hall then. Sadly, Persimmon, one of the biggest building firms in the UK, turned down the offer on the grounds of cost! Since then, fewer contractors are needed and some cars of builders, who are being used by the adjacent development as well as Priory Park, are parking in the adjacent field, so reducing the number of cars on Mill road. As a follow up for future developments, I questioned the officers at the Vale about parking during building and whether an applicant was expected to put forward plans for on site parking, but was told that this was not compulsory, although every courtesy was expected to be shown to the residents. I understand that there is an organization called “Considerate Constructors” – perhaps Persimmon Homes might consider joining it unless the joining subscription is too high!

Air Quality: Air quality is becoming a more and more important issue as more and more evidence about how polluted air damages our health comes forward. As a result, slowly, air quality is being given a more prominent profile in planning. Recently, I read how a planning application in Sussex has just been turned down at an appeal by an inspector on the grounds of unacceptable air pollution levels being forecast in an AQMA (Air Quality Management Area) if more houses (with their accompanying vehicle movements) were built. Furthermore, two schools have recently been closed down in Sheffield because the levels of air pollution were above 400, whereas the EU regard anything above 40 as unacceptable. Clearly, we need to press the authorities to act upon an AQAP (Air Quality Action Plan) for Marcham’s AQMA as fast possible.

Community Grants: September is here which means that it is that time of year when you can apply for grants. Last year very few groups actually applied, so do make use of this opportunity this year if you think you are eligible. Non-profit making groups can apply for grants towards projects that benefit our residents, such as a community building, play areas, a community event, sporting facilities etc. You will need to contact the grants team for advice by email: grants@southandvale.gov.uk. or phone 01235 540525. Carole Cumming is the grants team leader and is to be found in the Vale’s new home at 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Business Park. You can discover more about the new site by looking on the Vale’s website

The Area committees will be assembled from January 2016 onwards when they will be given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the findings of the grants team and who have been successful in getting a grant. It’d be wonderful to see Marcham’s name up there with the successful groups!

Local Plan: September 22nd is the official day when the public examination of the Local Plan by an inspector will begin. Clearly he/she will have studied it minutely already and this is the time to air the conclusions. The biggest sticking points are likely to be whether the inspector accepts the SHMA (Strategic Housing Market Assessment) figures and whether building will be allowed in parts of the Green Belt. You, as a member of the public, will be able to attend this examination which will be held at The Beacon, Wantage.

Please contact me if anything to do with Marcham is worrying you. Please contact me if anything to do with Marcham is worrying you.

CATHERINE WEBBER Cllr VWHDC

01235 534001 or catherinewebber@hotmail.co.uk

We are excited to announce that Rainbows has reopened and we’ve just finished our first term. We have had lots of fun learning about all the colours in the rainbow, Noah’s ark and learning about our promise. The girls especially enjoyed the blind fold obstacle race!



We meet on Monday nights from 5pm until 6 at Marcham Baptist Hall. Please contact Claire McGill for details about joining! 07538 907813 or clmcgill@gmail.com **1ST MARCHAM RAINBOWS**

MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Marcham Pre-school is delighted to announce that we have been successful in an application in a large lottery grant from the Big Lottery Fund. Our current children and families as well as many future families will benefit from new and exciting resources to enhance our existing provision. We will be replacing some of our older furniture and extending our toys and equipment for both indoors and outside including a fantastic water wall and pump! I know the children will have lots of fun exploring and learning new skills. So a big 'thank you' to the Lottery!! If you have a child of pre-school age (2-4) please do get in touch to discuss our pre-school and see what we offer. More details are available at www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com



LOTTERY FUNDED

Garden Gig Success!!

We are so unbelievably grateful to everyone who came along to the Garden Gig on Sunday 5th July.

Through rain and shine, we had a wonderful time and we are very excited to say that we raised over £3000 towards our Uganda trip in August. This couldn't have happened with out all of your support and generosity so thank you so much!

We now have enough money to go out to Uganda and come back, and any money left over will be put towards the future of our project.

We can't thank you enough, please send us an email if you want any updates of our trip.

Becca Rowe, Lucy Hefford & Jessie Dipper.

“Music in the Abbey” - 7th to 13th September

OSJ’s annual music festival in Dorchester Abbey is getting closer. Each year seems bigger with a more diverse range of music and a longer line up of star musicians. New for 2015 are two “semi-staged” operas in the Abbey on Saturday and Sunday: highlights of Tchaikovsky’s famous opera “Eugene Onegin” and Purcell’s beautiful “Dido and Aeneas”. Book tickets before you leave for your summer holiday!



Buy a Season ticket – 7 concerts for £110

Half price for the best seats at every concert

OSJ will be repeating the performance of Dido and Aeneas in London at St John’s Smith Square on 14th September and in Oxford at SJE Arts, Iffley Road on 15th September.

www.osj.org.uk

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY BRIDGE ??

Did you once enjoy a game of Bridge, but have not played for a number of years? Do you still play the occasional game, but would like to play more often? Would you like to learn to play this exciting and absorbing game? If so, why not come along to Marcham Bridge Club on Monday evenings?



There is an annual subscription of £5 plus £1 per evening, which includes coffee. If you would like more information ring Joe Featherstone on 391426 or Rob Hall on 391626.

Abingdon Drama Club presents



Another Man's Eden
By Tony Green
Directed by Maria Crocker
Wednesday 23rd – Saturday
26th September, 7:30pm at the
Unicorn Theatre.

A World Premiere production,
Another Man's Eden tells the dramatic
and gritty story of "a day in the life"
of the medical staff in Camp Bastion,
Afghanistan.

Tickets: £10, £8 concessions
Available from: The Bookstore, The Abingdon Precinct
Email: tickets@unicornboxoffice.org.uk
Telephone: 0845 4636638
www.abingdon-drama-club.com
enquiries@abingdon-drama-club.com

CITIZENS ADVICE OFFERS PENSION WISE APPOINTMENTS AT LOCAL BUREAUX

Citizens Advice is providing Pension Wise appointments at Abingdon and other bureaux in South Oxfordshire, giving people access to free and impartial pension guidance in their local area.

Following pension reforms on April 6, people approaching retirement have greater freedom over ways they can use their pension savings. People will be able to take a lump sum, take out an annuity or a mixture of the two.

Pension Wise is a new government service designed to help people understand their pension options and empower them to make the right choices for themselves.

Free face to face Pension Wise appointments are available to book now at Abingdon bureau. The 45-minute appointments will be tailored to individuals, taking into account the value of their pensions and their plans for retirement.

A Pension Wise appointment could help you if:

- You are approaching retirement or are aged 50 or over;
- You have a defined contribution pension.

Guidance appointments are also available on the telephone, provided by the Pensions Advisory Service. Information and general guidance is also obtainable online at www.pensionwise.gov.uk.

To book an appointment either on the telephone or face to face, call 0300 330 1001.



Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust



Charity Number: 1084910

The Thames Valley Air Ambulance provides a life saving service seven days a week, 365 days a year, covering the three counties we serve, Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

Lottery

Win £1000.00 every Wednesday and save a life? Then join our TVAC Lottery, or perhaps become one of our Volunteers. Interested? Then please call us on: 0300 999 0135 or email info@tvacaa.org.

www.tvacaa.org

WE RELY ON YOU - SO YOU CAN RELY ON US

DIDCOT RAIL 2015

The Abingdon & District Model Railway Club will be holding a Model Railway Exhibition at the Didcot Civic Hall on

Saturday 31st October 2015.

Opening Times: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Entrance Fee: £6 for an Adult.

Up to two children less than 16 years of age can enter for free, if accompanied by a full fee paying adult.

The Exhibition will comprise 15 layouts, showing what can be built in a restricted space,

and will include the Club's Sodor Island Layout.

There will also be six traders covering a wide range of modelling activities.

Demonstrations, Displays and Refreshments.

Car Parking and Disabled Access.

GARD UPDATE

Many local people have been under the impression that the threat of the massive Thames Water reservoir on our doorstep (The Upper Thames Reservoir proposal) had disappeared following the success of GARD and others in 2010 Public Inquiry.

There was therefore some surprise expressed by those who visited the Parish Council Tent at the Steventon Church Fete when they saw, on the Vale of the White Horse map of possible building development options, that the whole of the proposed reservoir site remains reserved for the possible reservoir. Added to this there was a leading article in the "New Civil Engineer" on water shortages written by the editor which stated " I know for a fact that Thames Water will be soon be ramping up its case for building a major new reservoir in Abingdon, Oxfordshire." He goes on to say more encouragingly "But is there another option? Long distance water transfer tunnels have been mooted before. Do we need to look at that again?"

GARD is certainly pressing Thames Water hard to follow up comprehensively the water transfer Severn to Thames alternatives, supported by offers of additional water from either Severn Trent or United Utilities. The necessary research on water quality and ecology is being done, albeit slowly, and GARD remains hopeful that this less expensive, less damaging, and sensible option will win in the end. No decision is likely until 2018, meanwhile GARD is represented at all the important Thames Water technical meetings.

NICK THOMPSON Hon Chairman GARD

COME AND SING WITH US

Wantage Male Voice Choir was formed almost 25 years ago and since then, we have entertained in many concert and other venues, as well as local care homes, where we have brought much happiness to the residents. We gain a great deal of satisfaction from our performances and pleasure from the friendships and camaraderie that develop.



To ensure the choir continues for another 25 years we need to recruit **new members now** and with effect from September our rehearsal at the Hanney War Memorial Hall starting at 7.30 on the first Tuesday of each month will be adapted specifically to accommodate new members and provide a lead into full choir membership. The ability to read music is not essential, but deriving enjoyment from singing is!

Come and check us out. We are a friendly bunch.

Alternatively, phone Jeff on 01235868327 for more information.

www.wantagemalevoicechoir.org.uk

Oxfordshire's Brize Singers

present

Songs from the Shows

September 5th 7.30pm

Southmoor Village hall

Tickets: £7.50 Adults £2.50 Under 16s

from Rosemary Kitto 01865 390 466

rosemarykitto@gmail.com

or On The Door

Licensed Bar Raffle

Looking for local trusted services and events? Then please take a look at our new online directory and help support Oxfordshire mums in business.

oxfordshire.supermum.org



Did you go to Marcham School? What have you been up to since you left – would you like to share your news with MADNews readers? Email the Editor – editor@madnews.co.uk and send a photo!



**6.00 pm Sunday 6th September
St Lawrence Church, Tubney
Poetry and Pimm's Evensong
The theme this year is: "Birds"**

Parking in the field opposite the church.
This is a Cluster Group Service for Appleton, Fyfield with Tubney, Kingston Bagpuize and Marcham
If you would like to read a poem then please let Rosemary Kitto know by the last day of August. 01865 390 466 or rosemarykitto@gmail.com



EXERCISE TO MUSIC

Improve your energy levels, muscle tone, flexibility and meet new friends!

Day: Thursdays (starting 24th September)
Time: 10 - 11am
Place: Preston Road Community Centre, Abingdon
Cost: £4 *** first session is free ***

Tel: 01235 849403
Email: info@generationgames.org.uk
www.generationgames.org.uk



SPECIAL CONSTABLES NEEDED

Thames Valley Police are running a series of information evenings for those interested in becoming a Special Constable.

Volunteering as a Special is a good way to take a stand against crime and anti-social behaviour in the community. Special Constables have the same powers as a regular officer and will work side-by-side with them to police the streets.

Come to our information evenings and find out more about the recruitment process, training and role of a Special Constable. This is a great opportunity to hear from serving Special Constables about what the role involves. There will also be an opportunity to talk to the recruitment team and ask any questions you may have.

If you want to find out more and attend an information evening please visit our recruitment website to register or contact us on 0845 2 66 66 77 (option 4) or email us on RecruitmentSpecialCo@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Thursday 9 July 2015, 7pm Milton Keynes Police Station, 302 North Row, Witan Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 2DS

Tuesday 28 July, 7pm at the Police Training Centre, Sulhamstead, Berkshire, RG7 4DX

For more information on Specials please visit our website <http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/> and search for Volunteer Police Officer (Special Constable).



MUSIC IN THE VALE PRESENTS

"Schubertiade"

Letters, Lieder & Chamber Works by

Franz Schubert for mezzo-soprano, flute, viola, guitar, 'cello & piano

Vale Baroque

Claire-Louise Lucas: mezzo-soprano

Polly Elena Armitage: flute

Heather Birt: viola

David Pedder: guitar

Judith Dallosso: cello

Jonathan Darnborough: piano

Where: St. Denys' Church, Church Green, Stanford in the Vale, SN7 8HU

When: Saturday 5th September 2015 at 7.30 pm

How much: £12.00

Admission is by programme from Vogue Hairdressing, 28 High Street, Stanford in the Vale, telephone 01367 710476, by reservation on 01367 718420, email djpedderpa@btinternet.com, or at the door.



SEATED EXERCISE CLASS

specifically designed for those who would like to improve their fitness, balance and strength.



- The exercises can be done standing or sitting to suit everyone
- No special clothes required, just wear something comfortable and non slip shoes.
- It will improve your fitness, strength and balance
- There's no age limit so it's never too late to start!

Marcham Sports and Social Club
every Thursday at 10:30am to 11:30am

For further details contact AGE UK Oxfordshire on 01235 849403.



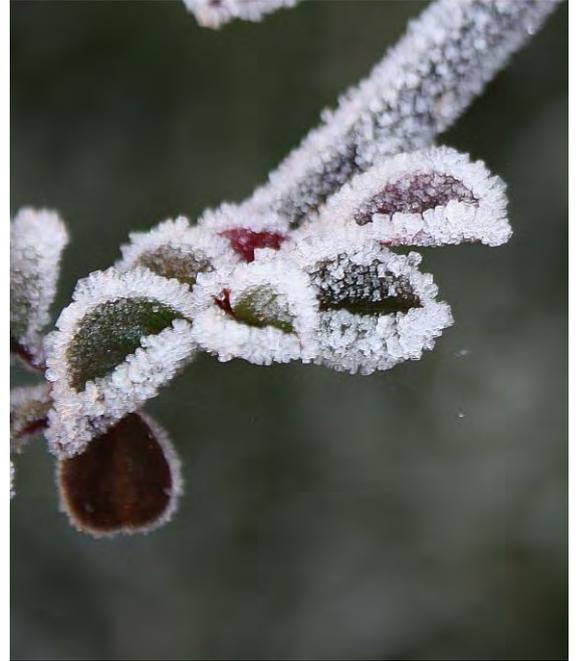
Dear Friends,

I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer, and had the opportunity to rest and enjoy a break from the regular routines of life. Now it's a deep breath and back into the fray. September is once again the start of a busy 'term' with lots going on in the life of the community and the church. On 12th September we are welcoming our Bishop to breakfast at the start of the Ride and Stride event, which visits all the churches in the greater Abingdon area, and beyond. Then on 27th September we look forward to our special Harvest celebration on the beef unit at Manor Farm – and to which everyone is warmly invited – see the panel below.

The Bible often speaks about God delighting in creation and – yes – even in people! Jesus spoke about coming in order that we might have life in all its fullness [John 10:10], and I could imagine him laughing with, and enjoying the company of, those with him and those he met.

As we enter the autumn I hope you can enjoy again the wonders of this season, and make time to renew faith in the Lord of life, who would walk with us by his Spirit every day, enjoying our company, and delighting in the sheer beauty and wonder of life.

With my warmest greetings, Revd Richard Zair (Vicar)



Regular church services

Sundays: 10am & 6pm at All Saints'

Wednesdays: 10.30am at Duffield Place

This term we will be looking at 'God's Big Picture' and seeing how the Bible fits together

Prayer

We have regular opportunities for prayer:

Monday 7th September at 9.30 am @ 11

Sweetbriar 'Prayer for the persecuted Church'

Thursday Mornings at 9.30 @ 11 Sweetbriar is a chance to come together with others for prayer.

Parish People:

Our prayers are with Caroline and Jack and Sophie and Jack who were married over the summer.

We remember Mathilda Robertson who was baptized 30th August.

Coming up..

September 12th Ride & Stride

September 19th, 8.30am - Changing Room

September 27th - Harvest Service

Harvest Celebration

Sunday 27th September, 11am

Manor Farm Beef Unit

Service of celebration followed by a (BYO) family picnic, Hedgerow Safari, Tractor & Trailer rides.

ALL WELCOME

Alpha in the Autumn - if you are interested in exploring the Christian faith and what it means, and would like to join this course, please contact the parish office.

SITUATIONS VACANT

NOW RECRUITING

**Denman College – Marcham
Catering Department (Thomas Franks)**

Contact: Margaret O'Connor

Email: m.oconnor@denman.org.uk

SOUS CHEF

We are looking for a talented individual to join our welcoming kitchen. Serving fantastic quality food lead by a talented Head Chef. We provide Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner service, as well as catering for intimate events and gatherings.

We specialise in producing great food using fresh, quality, and seasonal, British produce. The menu changes regularly and includes seasonal veg and all locally produced ingredients.

The chosen applicant must have a passion for food and wants to take the next step in their career and have a desire to work in an atmosphere that will encourage you to improve and build on the strong foundations already in place.

Annual Salary £20,000 - £25,000 dependent on experience.

The work pattern would be a 5 over 7, based on a 40 hour week.

RESTAURANT GENERAL ASSISTANT

Be a part of a wonderful team, where we strive every day to make the experience unforgettable to our customers. Have you got passion for excellent customer service? Do you lead by example? Have you a welcoming personality that gets along with all walks of life. Then this job could be for you.

We are looking for an experienced restaurant general assistant to work in our unique premises, which offers breakfast, lunch and dinner service daily. We also oversee catering events and functions held on the grounds.

We specialise in producing great food using fresh, quality, and seasonal, British produce. The menu changes regularly and includes seasonal veg and all locally produced ingredients.

The right candidate will have a self-drive for excellence and want to exceed customers' expectations. If these character traits sounds like it could be you and you want to take the next leap in your catering career. Then this could be the place for you.

Hourly rate £7.65. The work pattern would be a 5 over 7, based on a 32.5 hour week.

*There's something
special about Denman,
come and join our
team*



KITCHEN PORTER

Have you a strong work ethic? Do you take pride in the work you do? Then this could be the role for you.

We are looking for a reliable person who can work in a welcoming team and support our catering services.

Having previous experience in a similar role would be an advantage but not a necessity as full training will be provided. Hourly Rate £7.65, the work pattern would be a 5 over 7, based on a 32.5 hour week.

PART-TIME BAR STAFF

Would You Like to work in a unique location? Could you offer the highest level of good customer service? Do you take pride in your job and appearance? Have you have a friendly and helpful personality?

We are looking for a reliable person who can work in a welcoming team and support our catering services in our bar and to also run the bar facilities during a function or event.

Having previous experience in a similar role would be an advantage but not a necessity as full training will be provided. Hourly Rate £7.65, the work pattern would be a 2 out of 6 shifts per week, based on a 6 hours per shift (5pm to 11pm).

PART TIME CASUAL & WEEKEND RESTAURANT STAFF

Have you got passion for excellent customer service? Do you lead by example? Have you a welcoming personality that gets along with all walks of life. Then this job could be for you. Are you available on weekends? Are you available to work 6pm to 9pm Monday to Saturday, or Day time shifts Saturday and Sunday? Then this could be for you.

We are looking for experienced restaurant general assistants to work in our unique premises, which offer breakfast, lunch and dinner service daily. We also oversee catering events and functions held by the on the grounds.

Hourly rate £7.65. The work pattern would be Monday to Sunday.

Unit A, 78 Cumnor Road
Wootton, Boars Hill
Oxford
OX1 5JP
01865 321777
FREE PARKING



Alison Day FFHT
Charlotte Cardosi MFHT
Michelle Cox MFHT

**Part time Beauty Therapist required
to join our team.**



Minimum NVQ Level 2. Please send CV and cover letter for the attention of Alison Day to contactus@mybeautyroom.co.uk



www.mybeautyroom.co.uk



Marcham Village Shop
Mon - Fri: 07.30 - 13.00
& 15.00 - 18.00
Sat / Sun : 07.30 - 13.00



If you can spare an hour or more per week, please drop into the shop and book yourself a slot in the diary - it's great fun and not as hard as you might think!

If you would prefer to help in other ways, talk to Tash about cleaning and maintenance or assisting with the deliveries.

Come and Support Marcham's Shop